



**Morning Prayer and Sermon
together with Shortened Holy Communion**

The Fourth Sunday after Easter

George Atwell, organist

FM 98.1

8:15 a.m. – The Order of Service is found in the Book of Common Prayer beginning on page 67. Propers (Collect, Epistle and Gospel) begin on page 174.

PRELUDE *Leibster Jesus*, J.S. Bach

HYMN 272**MOSCOW**
“Thou, whose almighty word”

OPENING SENTENCES

This is the day which the LORD hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. *Psalm cxviii*. 24.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

LET us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

GENERAL CONFESSION

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father; We have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; And there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore thou those who are penitent; According to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake; That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

¶ To be made by the Priest alone, standing; the People still kneeling.

ALMIGHTY God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness and live, hath given power, and commandment, to his Ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the Absolution and Remission of their sins. He pardoneth and absolveth all those who truly repent, and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel.

Wherefore let us beseech him to grant us true repentance, and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do at this present; and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OUR Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; **But deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

VERSICLES AND RESPONSES

Minister: O Lord, open thou our lips.

People: **And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.**

Minister: O God, make speed to save us.

People: **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

GLORIA PATRI (please stand)

Minister: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

People: **As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

VERSICLE AND RESPONSE

Minister: Praise ye the Lord.

People: **The Lord's Name be praised.**

VENITE

O COME, let us sing / unto **Y** the LORD;

* let us heartily rejoice in the strength of / our sal**va**tion.

Let us come before his presence with / **th**anks**g**iving;

* and show ourselves / glad in him with psalms.

For the LORD is a/ **great** God;
* and a great / King above all gods.
In his hand are all the corners / of the earth; * and the
strength of the hills is / **his also**.
The sea is / his, and • he made it;
* and his hands prepared • the **dry** land.
O come, let us worship and / **fall** down,
* and kneel before the / LORD our **Maker**.
For he is the Lord / our God;
* and we are the people of his pasture,
and the / sheep of **his** hand.
O worship the LORD in the / beauty • of holiness;
* let the whole earth / stand in awe of him.
For he cometh, for he cometh to / judge *the* earth;
* and with righteousness to judge the world,
and the / peoples with his truth.
GLORY be to the Father, and / to the Son,
* and / to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and / ever shall be,
* world without **end. Amen.**

THE PSALTER

Psalm 116. *Dilexi, quoniam.*

1 MY delight is in the LORD; * because he hath heard
the voice of my prayer;

**2 Because he hath inclined his ear unto me; *
therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.**

3 The snares of death compassed me round about, * and
the pains of hell gat hold upon me.

**4 I found trouble and heaviness; then called I upon
the Name of the LORD; * O LORD, I beseech thee,
deliver my soul.**

5 Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; * yea, our God is merciful.

6 The LORD preserveth the simple: * I was in misery, and he helped me.

7 Turn again then unto thy rest, O my soul; * for the LORD hath rewarded thee.

8 And why? thou hast delivered my soul from death, * mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling.

9 I will walk before the LORD * in the land of the living.

10 I believed, and therefore will I speak; but I was sore troubled: * I said in my haste, All men are liars.

11 What reward shall I give unto the LORD * for all the benefits that he hath done unto me?

12 I will receive the cup of salvation, * and call upon the Name of the LORD.

13 I will pay my vows now in the presence of all his people: * right dear in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints.

14 Behold, O LORD, how that I am thy servant; * I am thy servant, and the son of thine handmaid; thou hast broken my bonds in sunder.

15 I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, * and will call upon the Name of the LORD.

16 I will pay my vows unto the LORD, in the sight of all his people, * in the courts of the LORD'S house; even in the midst of thee, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD.

GLORY be to the Father, and | to the Son, * and | to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON – Job 19-21-27 (RSV)

Job Replies: I Know That My Redeemer Lives

- ²¹ Have pity on me, have pity on me, O you my friends,
for the hand of God has touched me!
- ²² Why do you, like God, pursue me?
Why are you not satisfied with my flesh?
- ²³ “Oh that my words were written!
Oh that they were inscribed in a book!
- ²⁴ Oh that with an iron pen and lead
they were graven in the rock for ever!
- ²⁵ For I know that my Redeemer lives,
and at last he will stand upon the earth;
- ²⁶ and after my skin has been thus destroyed,
then from my flesh I shall see God,
- ²⁷ whom I shall for myself,
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.

BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE

BLESSED art thou, O Lord / God of • our fathers:

* praised and exalted above / all for **ever**.

Blessed art thou for the / Name of • thy Majesty:

* praised and exalted above / all for **ever**.

Blessed art thou in the temple / of thy holiness:

* praised and exalted above / all for **ever**.

Blessed art thou that beholdest the depths,

and dwellest *between* the Cherubim:

* praised and exalted above / all for **ever**.

Blessed art thou on the glorious / throne of thy Kingdom:

* praised and exalted above / all for **ever**.

Blessed art thou in the firma/ment of heaven:

* praised and exalted above / all for **ever**.

GLORY be to the Father, and | to the Son,

* and / to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and / ever shall be,
* world without **end. Amen.**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON – St. John 16:5-15

Pentecost Anticipated

JESUS said to his disciples, A little while, and ye shall not see me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see me, because I go to the Father. Then said some of his disciples among themselves, What is this that he saith unto us, A little while, and ye shall not see me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see me: and, Because I go to the Father? They said therefore, What is this that he saith, A little while? we cannot tell what he saith. Now Jesus knew that they were desirous to ask him, and said unto them, Do ye enquire among yourselves of that I said, A little while, and ye shall not see me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see me? Verily, verily, I say unto you, That ye shall weep and lament, but the world shall rejoice: and ye shall be sorrowful, but your sorrow shall be turned into joy. A woman when she is in travail hath sorrow, because her hour it come: but as soon as she is delivered of the child, she remembereth no more the anguish, for joy that a man is born into the world. And ye now therefore have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you.me.”

JUBILATE DEO

Psalm 100

O BE joyful in the LORD / all ye lands:

* serve the LORD with gladness,

and come before his / presence with a song.

Be ye sure that the LORD he is God;

it is he that hath made us, and not / we ourselves;

* we are his people and the / sheep of • his **pasture**.

O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving,
and into his / courts with praise;

* be thankful unto him, and / **speak** / good of • his
Name.

For the LORD is gracious, his mercy is / everlasting;

* and his truth endureth from generation to /
gener**ation**.

GLORY be to the Father, and / to the Son, *
and / to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and / ever shall be,

* world without **end. Amen.**

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I BELIEVE IN GOD . . .

¶ Here, members of the congregation join in

**the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: Who was
conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin
Mary: Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified,
dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third
day he rose again from the dead: He ascended into
heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the
Father Almighty: From thence he shall come to judge
the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost: The holy Catholic
Church; The Communion of Saints: The Forgiveness
of sins: The Resurrection of the body: And the Life
everlasting. Amen.**

SALUTATION AND VERSICLES

Minister: The Lord be with you.

Answer: **And with thy spirit.**

Minister: Let us pray.

¶ *Here, all kneeling or sitting, the Minister shall say,*

Minister: O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

Answer: **And grant us thy salvation.**

Minister: O God, make clean our hearts within us.

Answer: **And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

COLLECT FOR EASTER 4

O ALMIGHTY God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men; Grant unto thy people, that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PEACE

O GOD, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom; Defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries, through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

COLLECT FOR GRACE

O LORD, our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the

beginning of this day; Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings, being ordered by thy governance, may be righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYER FOR THE PRESIDENT

O LORD our Governor, whose glory is in all the world; We commend this nation to thy merciful care, that being guided by thy Providence, we may dwell secure in thy peace. Grant to THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, and to all in Authority, wisdom and strength to know and to do thy will. Fill them with the love of truth and righteousness; and make them ever mindful of their calling to serve this people in thy fear; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

PRAYER FOR THE CLERGY AND PEOPLE

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift; Send down upon our Bishops, and other Clergy, and upon the congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of thy grace; and, that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honour of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

PRAYER FOR ALL CONDITIONS OF MEN

O GOD, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech thee for all sorts and conditions of men; that thou wouldest be pleased to make thy ways known unto them, thy saving health unto all nations. More especially we pray for thy holy Church universal; that it

may be so guided and governed by thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to thy fatherly goodness all those who are any ways afflicted, or distressed, in mind, body, or estate; [**especially those for whom our prayers are desired;*] that it may please thee to comfort and relieve them, according to their several necessities; giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we beg for Jesus Christ's sake. **Amen.**

GENERAL THANKSGIVING

ALMIGHTY God, Father of all mercies, we, thine unworthy servants, do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men; We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests; Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

GRACE

2 Corinthians 23:14

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS, WELCOME..... The Rector

HYMN 450.....MARTYRDOM

“As pants the hart for cooling streams”

SERMON – The Rector

OFFERTORY

Let Us Break Bread Together

Arr. By Donald Moore

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DOXOLOGY, AMERICA (LAST STANZA)

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings
flow:**

Praise Him, all creatures here below:

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Our fathers' God, to thee,

Author of liberty,

To Thee we sing;

Long may our land be bright

With freedom's holy light;

Protect us by Thy might

Great God, our King.

Amen.

**PRAYERS (parish birthdays, anniversaries, military,
etc.)**

HYMN (insert)TO GOD BE THE GLORY

“To God be the glory, great things He hath done!”

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Festive trumpet Tune, David German

Those wishing to receive Holy Communion from elements consecrated at the 8:15 a.m. service are invited to remain in the church. Others are invited to leave quietly during or following the organ voluntary.

Shortened Holy Communion

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

WE do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

AGNUS DEI

**O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world,
Have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world.
Have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world.
Grant us thy peace.**

THE COMMUNION

All persons who have been baptised and have accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour are welcomed to receive Holy Communion.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee, for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us who have duly received these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son,

which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of his most precious death and passion. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

THE BLESSING

THE Peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

IN YOUR PRAYERS

Members of St. Luke's – Jordan Van Horn, Christina Pinkerton, Bob Herrington; Judy Evans, Jody Kautz, Bob Morgan, Judy Smith, David Johnston, A.D. Frazier, Evelyn Smith, Sheila McConnell, Glenda Robinson, Diane Wikander, Deacon Tony McConnell, Tom McCormick, Rodney Allen, Charles Sims, Barbara Newman, Mercedes Misinco, Elizabeth Ann White, Tim Higdon, Gwen Skelton, Bruce Berkinshaw, Pat and Sherron Dearing, Tom Hoffer, Ann Thomason, MaryLynn Kipfmiller and Rosanne Johnston.

Family & Friends – Christy Noblett and Patsy Horsford (for the Noblett's), Rev. Susan MacKay (for Henry Gorr), Joshua Stoddard (for Gwen Skelton), Gabriella Calla (granddaughter of Bill Baio), Arlene (friend of Barbara Newman), Kaylee West (for Tony McConnell), Alina Landry (for Dave Guzzardi), Deborah Ann Gray (sister-in-law of Priscilla and Paul Leming), Victor Palmeri, Clara Bradley (mother of Bob Bradley), Matt Cross (son-in-law of D.J. Fulton), Hayden Birkenshaw (grandson of Bruce and Cathy Birkenshaw), M.T. and Cindy Bean (for Teresa

Wankel), Michael Briggs, Bill Morgan, Charles and Susan Cecil, Brother of Cheryl Rutland, Brooke Copeland (for Tim and Jennifer Higdon), Richard Vollrath, Julian McCoy (for Charles Sims), Terry Lowe (for Martha Cash), Janelle Johnson (for Ruth Johnson), Kara Franz, Jamie Harris (for Sheila McConnell, Zane Wolf (for Tim Higdon), Kelly Dearing Roberts (daughter of Pat and Sherron Dearing), Clifford W. Willis, David Hobbs (cousin of Cheryl Rutland), Mildred Woody, April Weich (daughter of Rosanne Johnston), Bob Jost, and Lynn Grimme.

THE PARISH STAFF

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BISHOPS AND AFFILIATIONS

The Most Rev. Foley Beach, Archbishop

Anglican Church in North America

The Rt. Rev. Dr. William Wesley Milsaps, Bishop

EMC Diocese of the South

The Rt. Rev. John Greaves, Coadjutor Bishop

EMC Diocese of the South

ALTAR

The flowers around the Altar are given to the glory of God.

BIRTHDAYS

“Watch over thy children as their days increase.”

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Al and Martha Cash, Apr. 27 and Ted and Cathy
Koerner, May 2

“And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity” (Colossians 3:14).

IN MILITARY SERVICE

Please remember in your prayers those serving in the Armed Services, especially those who have connections with St. Luke’s particularly, Alex Mark, Tyler Ketron, Wesley Ryan McIntosh, Christian Wade Newman, Kyle Morgan, Sam Sonn, Marc Rodriguez, Brooks Johnson and Jessica Wyllie Andres-Jansz, Lt. Col. Kyle Yates USAF and Ian Yates U.S. Army.

CURRENT AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Eastern Orthodox Vespers, today, 3 p.m.

Feast of St. Phillip and St. James, Apostles. HC will be celebrated on May 1 at noon.

A Graveside Service for Mrs. Betty Smith will be held on Saturday, Apr. 27. Time TBD.

SLMG will meet on Tuesday, May 7 @ 11 a.m.

The WSL will meet on Wednesday, May 8 2 9:30 a.m.

AARP Driver Safety Course will be held on May 11 from 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Contact Kelly Cherry, AARP Representative, at 423-243-8146 or dukec47@charter.net or call the church office for more information.

Sharing Tuesday continues on Tuesdays at 9:45 a.m.

BIBLE STUDY CONTINUES

Galatians: A Manifesto of Freedom continues Wednesdays through April 15. Lecture times are from 10:30 a.m. – 12 noon. Please bring your Bibles and read the chapters before attending these interactive sessions. Also, bring your lunch if you wish to continue the discussion or fellowship with the other participants. If you want additional commentary, you can listen to Dr. John W. Howe's *The Early Years* at www.biblebanquet.com.

The study will be zoomed live at 10:30 a.m. each week. Zoom links will be sent prior to each session.

Presenters are:

5/1 D.J. Fulton

5/8 Fr. Ron Wikander

5/15 Judy Brooten

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

AT ST. LUKE'S

The Brasstown Ringers, Sunday, May 5 at 5 p.m., reception to follow.

N. GA Symphony String Quartet, June 9 at 4 p.m.

Ah Surely (Celtic Ensemble), July 21 at 5 p.m.

Alpharetta Symphony Wind Quartet, August 11 at 5 p.m.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

St. Luke's will have one service at 9:30 a.m. on Fifth Sundays with a potluck lunch following. Dates are June 30; Sept 29; and Dec. 29.

PENTECOST IS COMING!!
Symbols of the Holy Spirit





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